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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PERMANENT DIACONATE SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – GIFT OFFERING FOR FR. GODWIN

PRIEST CORNER: Dear Brothers and Sisters, we are happy to take the gift collection this weekend for our dear Fr. Godwin who has moved to another Parish. As a token of appreciation, we want to wish him well through our cards and gift offerings. I do encourage you to give generously with gratitude and joy. We shall have Fr. Godwin down for the goodbye 'do' on the weekend of **26th to 27th of July**; both for St. Paul's and St. Finbarr's. Today also we celebrate the Permanent Diaconate Sunday. We want to use this opportunity to thank our dear Deacon Barry who has been faithfully dedicated to the ministry of service in our Parish. May the Lord continue to uphold you in the ministry. God bless. Fr. Leo

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE GOOD SAMARITAN. LK 10:25-37.

Today we have one of the most famous Gospel stories, the "Good Samaritan". There are four people in the story: A Jewish priest, a man of deep religious convictions, serving in the Temple at Jerusalem. A Levite, also a religious person with Temple connections. A Samaritan, a traveler apparently on business. Samaritans were regarded by devout Jews as outsiders and heretics, people not to be seen in company with. An unknown man, beaten up by robbers on the roadside. He is presumably a Jew to give the story its full impact, but not necessarily so. In a sense it is totally irrelevant what labels are attached to the man. All that matters is that he is a fellow-human being in great need of help. In such a situation the response expected by the Gospel is clear: forget about your status in society ("A person of my standing cannot be expected to help in such a situation..."); forget what people might say about you; forget about personal fears and desires which turn you in on yourself; forget about your religious 'obligations'. The key words in the story are "compassion" and "mercy". In fact, the verb used to express the feelings of the Samaritan for the victim lying on the road is the same as that used to describe Jesus' compassion for the crowd, when he sees them as "like sheep without a shepherd". This is not at all the same as pity. Pity suggests looking at the victim from a superior position. Compassion implies fellow-feeling, identifying with the pain and suffering of others; or saying it another way, empathy, not just sympathy, and being sorry with, not just sorry for. This parable touches all our lives deeply. In honestly answering the question, "Who is my neighbour?", that is the Challenge! It may be easy to call anyone your neighbour or friend until you come across those who are very difficult to love; people who may not be so nice to us, or believe in our own ways. We pray for the grace of God to always be the good Samaritan wherever we may find ourselves. Let's all be good neighbours! Amen.



PERMANENT DIACONATE SUNDAY Today, **13th July**, the **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we mark the second Archdiocesan Diaconal Day. We pray for our Permanent Deacons and for new vocations to this ministry. Are you a man aged 21–58, prayerful, active in parish and community life, and drawn to deeper service in the Church? God may be calling you to be a Permanent Deacon. To discern this call, speak with a priest or Barry Barton, our Parish Deacon, or visit the diocesan website at <https://rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/> or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk for more information. Deacon Barry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. LEO on the 17th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on 19th July. May God continue to bless you with many more years of priestly service. Thank you for your ministry to our parish.

THANK YOU. Sheila would like to express extreme gratitude to Fr. Leo, Fr. Jamie, Deacon Barry and the Parish Family for the wonderful Mass and celebrations for her 95th Birthday. Many thanks also for the prayers, gifts, cards and good wishes. Love and God Bless to you All. Sheila.

MUSTARD SEED CHILDREN'S LITURGY. The Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy will be on next **Sunday, 20th July** at 9:00am in the Upper Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers of all backgrounds worldwide. Their port chaplains and volunteers offer practical help, welfare advice, and friendship in over 250 ports. With 90% of global trade moved by sea, seafarers often face long, lonely months away from home in tough conditions. Stella Maris depends entirely on donations, especially from this collection, to continue its vital work.

ST. FINBARR'S FAMILY FUN DAY. Our family fun day this year will be held on **Sunday, the 27th of July** immediately after Mass. All are invited to join in an afternoon of fun for all the family. There will be games, food and drink as well as a barbecue. Please bring along a meal to share. This Family Day is special as we shall combine this with the farewell for Fr. Godwin at St. Finbarr's. We look forward to seeing you there.

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE: Cash & CollecTin £4,313.77; Bankers Orders £4,245.00; Pentecost Spiritan Appeal £500.00; World Communications £307.28. Thank you for your generosity. God bless, Fr. Leo.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S. Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday, 17th July. OT Book of Exodus.**

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025 - Calling all grandchildren! Calling all grandparents! You are invited to celebrate the role that grandparents play in families and to say a special 'thank you' to God for grandparents on **Sunday 3rd August** at both the **9am** and **11am** Masses at St Paul's, and at the **11am** Mass at St Finbarr's. Grandparents and grandchildren after either of the 2 Masses at St Pauls are invited to stay to enjoy summer refreshments and each other's company in the hall. Deacon Barry.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, HYTHE, KENT invites you to an evening of film show at the Parish Hall, 2 Blackhouse Hill, Corner of Mill Road, Hythe, CT21 5LS. The film, **"The Two Popes"** will be shown on **Saturday 19th July 2025, at 6.00pm.**

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of **St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent** on Bank Holiday **Monday, 25th August 2025** from **10:30 am to 4pm.** The reflection day will include teachings on the **Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.** All welcome. Call Millie on **07957 594646.**

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ArchCert) A Life-Changing Opportunity! The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course open to all in Southwark and beyond. It helps you explore your faith more deeply and share it with confidence and joy. The course begins on **18th October 2025. Cost: £400 per year (£800 total), plus a £50 non-refundable registration fee.** More info and registration: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

DANIELLE SUTTON. The internment of Dany's ashes will take place on **Friday 25th July at 11am, St Mary's Parish Church, Dover.** Dany's ashes will join those of her husband Terry Sutton who died in February 2024. Parishioners of St Paul's are welcome to attend the internment. Deacon Barry

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK On **Thursday, 24th July** please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. **25th July** is the **57th anniversary of Humanæ Vitæ.** Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting, please contact **The Good Counsel Network** on 020 7723 1740. Additionally, **15th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage – Saturday 26th July 2025.** Join us in prayer or walk part—or all—of the 27-mile pilgrimage! Support life-saving work by sponsoring Nathanael: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-mothers-and-babies-with-the-gk-chesterton-pilgrimage>

THE WELL: AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION & EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL Youth Groups and Confirmation candidates. Join Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione at St George's Cathedral on **Thursday 11th September 6:30pm to 9:30pm** for an evening of music and inspiration. Tickets are £21 – selling fast! Book now: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/dyfmqalv> Contact Fr Dermott: dermottogorman@rcaos.org.uk.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (Next 20 th July)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (Next 21 st July)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Monday 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Fides Course	Every Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Confirmation Preparation	Restarts Saturday 6 th September	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Parish Family Day	Sunday 27 th July	St Finbarr's Aylesham
Grandparents & the Elderly Day	Sunday 3 rd August	Both Churches
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6 th October 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks	Sunday 12 th October 11am	St Paul's, Dover

CATECHESIM ON THE WORKS OF MERCY

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY: They are oriented toward the soul. Though ideally applicable for all faithful, not everyone is considered capable or obligated to perform the first three Spiritual Works of Mercy before they possess the proper tact, knowledge or canonical training to do so. The remaining four Spiritual Works of Mercy are considered to be an obligation of all faithful to practice unconditionally. The works of Mercy are: 1) Admonish the Sinner, 2.) Instruct the Ignorant, 3) Counsel the Doubtful, 4) Bear Wrongs Patiently, 5) Forgive Offenses Willingly, 6.) Comfort the Afflicted, 7) Pray for the Living and the Dead.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: The Corporal Works of Mercy are oriented toward the body. Six of the seven are mentioned in Matthew 25:31-40 - although not precisely - as the reason for the salvation of the saved, while Matthew 25:41-46 exhorts the omission of them as the reason for damnation. As deprivation of burial was viewed with horror by the Jews, the seventh Corporal Work of Mercy (Tobit 1:17-19) was later added. They are: 1.) Feed the Hungry, 2.) Give Drink to the Thirsty, 3.) Clothe the Naked, 4.) Shelter the Homeless, 5.) Visit the Sick, 6.) Visit the Imprisoned, 7.) Bury the Dead. (**The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2447**)



Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Audrey Stitt, Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Margaret Barnby, Nora Arter, Lady Susannah Caroline Hyde, Mary Jane (Jean) Cable, Teresa Gozalez Viega Lady Hawarden, Allen Lonie, Basil Walter Ward, Quentin Steele, Michael De La Mare

St Paul's: Mervyn Beadle, Frank Webster, Julian Martin Woolhouse, Maurice Doyle, John Colquhoun Jardine, Sylvia Wood, Reginald Grilli, Eileen Belfield, Tony Gibbs, Teresa Farrell, Joan Cahill, William Richard Brankley, Debbie Linda Winters, Brian Coyne, James McGilly, Rudolf Balog, Abby Tait, Derry Maher, Joe Gavigan, Quentin Clifford Steele.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 12 th July	10:30am	'The Boy from Nazareth' Planning Meeting
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 13 th July	11am	Mass for Bridget Graves Intention & Trevor Dorrington RIP
SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST	Monday 14 th July	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 16 th July	10am	Mass for Neenu Matthew Grandfather's Anniversary
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20 th July	11am	Mass for Jean Cable RIP (Audrey)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
SAINT JOHN JONES, PRIEST AND MARTYR	Saturday 12 th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Fr Jeff Cridland 56 th Priestly Ordination Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Deceased Clergy of Southwark Diocese
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 13 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Sheila (Birthday) (Anne & Peter) Coffee after Mass Mass for Julian Woolhouse RIP (Norman) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST	Monday 14 th July	10am	Mass for Sheila (Birthday) (Keith & Theresa)
SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL	Tuesday 15 th July	10am	Mass for Kerrie Crane RIP (Tim)
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MEMORIAL	Wednesday 16 th July	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Johanna Carmel Briant RIP (Henry & Laura) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
	Thursday 17 th July	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Special Intention (Tim) Bible Study OT Book of Exodus
	Friday 18 th July	10am	Mass for Pat Grilli RIP 60 th Anniversary (Theresa Gordon)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT JOHN PLESSINGTON, PRIEST AND MARTYR	Saturday 19 th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Fr Leo's 17 th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Janet Kerr
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Patricia Doolin (Keith & Theresa) Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy in the Upper Hall Coffee after Mass Mass for Ida Madeleine Huntley RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall

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Readings for Sunday 13th July 2025

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

'The word is very near you, so that you. Can do it.'

Moses spoke to the people: 'Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

'For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?" But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. R. cf. 33

*Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Or: Alleluia*

I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.

LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn toward me.

*Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Or: Alleluia*

As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.
Then I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

*Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Or: Alleluia*

The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.

*Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Or: Alleluia*

For God will bring salvation to Sion,
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

*Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Or: Alleluia*

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

'All things were created through him and for him.'

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven

and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Gospel

12, 17-20

Luke 10:1-

'Who is my neighbour.'

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.